

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING APRIL 5, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ RECONGITIONS:

APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

Commissioners congratulated county employee Lynda Ogle who is a deputy in the finance department of the Auditors Office. Lynda is in charge of various duties in the office and manages them accurately and timely. For the past 5 to 6 months, along with all of her other duties, Lyndia has been maintaining all of the paperwork pertaining to the COVID CARES Grant I and II. Without Lyndia's expertise, the COVID money would have not been managed and used to its full extent. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of March 15, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:

Dustin Delong is requesting permission to execute an amended contract for corrections and probation. County Attorney Allan Wilson has reviewed the contract. The Amendment is the burden of the attorney expenses that have been moved from the probation department to the client. With the new amended contract request having been heard, Commissioner Bray, made a motion to approve the amended contract, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

Amber Tolle has two change orders both pertaining to the McCann St. Bridge B-39532 which is very soon to be under construction. The first change order is for \$3,853.96, this is necessary because two of the plan sheets in the original plan were contradictory. There is now a need for four additional stud shear connectors. The second change order is for the same McCann St Bridge in the amount of \$11,568.80 for mitigation that is necessary for removing five trees so that they can create a causeway to build the bridge. They need to plant 20 trees to mitigate the ones that they are removing. This is the payment for those additional trees. Both ordinances will fit within the original budget for the bridge project. With the two-change order request having been heard, Commissioner Dodd, made a motion to approve B-39532 McCann St. Change Order 1 and 2 as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Subdivision:

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted a new Subdivision, Miller Schrock Subdivision, two lots at 1552 E 450 N and 1646 E 450 N Kokomo (Case-2-CP-21). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the new subdivision requests having been heard, Commissioner Bray, made a motion to approve Subdivision two lots with both being buildable at 1552 E 450 N and 1646 E 450 N Kokomo (Case 2-CP-21) as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted a new Subdivision, K & S Subdivision is one lot at 4678 S 870 W Kokomo (Case-3-CP-21). There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the new subdivision requests having been heard, Commissioner Bray, made a motion to approve Subdivision two lots with both being buildable at 4678 S 870 W (Case 3-CP-21) as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Ordinance:

Rezoning

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2021-BCCO-15(Case 4-CZ-21) rezoning of property located at 1646 E. 450 N. and 1552 E 450 N from (AC) Agricultural Commercial to (RR) Rural Residential. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning of the new Ordinance requests having been heard, Commissioner Dodd, made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021- BCCO-15(Case 4-CZ-21) as presented. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Planning Commissioner Greg Sheline submitted Ordinance No. 2021-BCCO-16(Case 5-CZ-21) rezoning of property located at 4678 S 870 W from (AG) Agricultural to (RR) Rural Residential. There was a favorable recommendation by the board. There was no remonstrance. With the rezoning of the new Ordinance requests having been heard, Commissioner Bray, made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021- BCCO-16(Case 5-CZ-21) as presented. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet presented a Hearn Construction Bid to replace the hallway ceilings at Howard Haven costing \$6,925.27. He also presented a bid from Neuhauser Garage Doors to replace 3 barn garage doors at Howard Haven costing \$1,795. Both projects will cost \$8,720.27 and he would like to pull the funds from Cum Cap Building upgrades 1138.47243. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the replacements of both the Hallway ceilings and the 3 garage doors at Howard Haven for \$8,720.27. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on March 26, 2021 in the amount of \$914,605.48 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid April 5, 2021. in the amount of \$1,929,425.16 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: County Treasurer's Monthly Report 2/28/2021.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson submitted an Appointment to the Community Corrections advisory board for the board's consideration. The appointment is for Pierre Malone and he has accepted the position and is willing to serve. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Pierre Malone to the Community Corrections Advisory Board by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brad Samone 10954 E 100 S Greentown. Brad would like an Ordinance on preventing solar energy from coming to Greentown. Brad referenced to Jack, who would be in charge of creating an Ordinance for the area. Brad stated that he has been fighting this battle for 15 months. Brad would like for the Ordinance to be accountable but not restrictive.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. on a motion
made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

Howard County Commissioner Meeting March 15, 2021